

Table 11. Underground Natural Gas Storage - Salt Cavern Storage Fields, 1997-2003
(Volumes in Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Natural Gas in Salt Cavern Underground Storage at End of Period			Change in Working Gas from Same Period Previous Year		Storage Activity		
	Base Gas	Working Gas	Total	Volume	Percent	Injections	Withdrawals	Net Withdrawals
1997 Total^a	—	—	—	—	—	267	274	6
1998 Total^a	—	—	—	—	—	297	275	-22
1999 Total^a	—	—	—	—	—	260	259	-1
2000 Total^a	—	—	—	—	—	296	320	24
2001								
January	71	73	144	9	13.5	32	30	-2
February	69	67	136	1	1.1	19	24	5
March	69	53	122	-16	-23.6	20	35	15
April	69	71	140	-3	-4.4	32	15	-17
May	71	85	156	8	10.4	30	14	-15
June	71	85	155	-5	-5.1	26	26	0
July	71	89	160	-8	-8.4	30	27	-3
August	71	86	157	-2	-2.7	29	30	1
September	71	100	171	0	-0.3	35	19	-16
October	71	108	180	1	0.8	35	25	-10
November	77	123	200	13	11.6	35	21	-14
December	77	115	191	43	59.4	19	28	9
Total	—	—	—	—	—	341	294	-47
2002								
January	77	93	170	19	26.2	24	46	22
February	77	74	151	7	10.9	20	38	18
March	77	65	142	12	22.3	27	36	9
April	77	77	154	6	8.1	29	17	-12
May	77	93	171	8	9.7	35	19	-16
June	77	104	181	19	22.2	32	21	-10
July	80	91	171	2	2.7	29	36	7
August	80	96	176	10	11.3	32	27	-5
September	81	102	184	2	2.2	34	27	-7
October	82	108	190	0	0.1	38	31	-7
November	75	106	181	-18	-14.3	29	28	0
December	75	102	177	-13	-10.9	30	35	4
Total	—	—	—	—	—	359	361	2
2003								
January	76	56	133	-36	-39.1	21	65	43
February	76	38	114	-37	-49.3	25	42	18
March	75	57	132	-8	-11.7	39	21	-18
April	75	72	147	-5	-6.1	34	19	-14
May	75	87	162	-6	-6.7	35	20	-15
June	75	98	172	-6	-5.7	31	20	-11
July	75	98	173	7	7.7	31	30	-1
August	75	102	177	7	6.8	27	24	-3
September	75	123	198	20	19.7	34	12	-21

^a Total as of December 31.

— Not Applicable.

Notes: Data for 1997 through 2001 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. See Explanatory Note 6 for discussion of the reporting of underground storage information. Gas in storage at the end of a reporting period may not equal the quantity derived by adding or subtracting net injections or withdrawals during the period to the quantity of gas in storage at the beginning of the period. This is due to changes in the quantities of native gas included in base gas and/or losses in base gas due

to migration from storage reservoirs. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Positive net withdrawals indicate the volume of withdrawals in excess of injections. Negative net withdrawals indicate the volume of injections in excess of withdrawals.

Sources: Form EIA-191, "Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report," and Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."